

ATTACHMENT 1

AVAILABILITY OF MILITARY AIRCRAFT

1. All three military services presently provide helicopter transportation in the Washington area. The Air Force has an extremely limited helicopter capability. Only six aircraft are assigned to the helicopter detachment at Bolling Air Force Base. These aircraft are used primarily for Air Force passengers and courier runs.
2. The primary responsibility for providing helicopter service to Government agencies in the Washington area has been assigned to the Department of the Army and to the Marine Corps. Helicopters of these services are assigned to the Executive Helicopter Company at Davison Army Air Field, Fort Belvoir.
3. Army and Marine helicopter service to all Government agencies is governed by the provisions of Department of the Army memorandum 59-2 dated 6 November 1959 (attached). The Air Force directive is almost identical. In addition to the helicopter service available to the President at all times, flights are provided on a priority basis as set forth in the cited memorandum:
 - a. First Priority - Emergency or humanitarian missions and flights related to disaster or implementing emergency plans.
 - b. Second Priority - Flights for the White House staff, general officers, and civilian officials or civil service personnel in grade GS-16 or higher sponsored by military establishments in the Washington area.
 - c. Third Priority - Present air transportation flights not included in a. or b. above, to include flights by Army aviators combining official business with combat readiness training.
 - d. Fourth Priority - All other flights.
4. It has been determined that helicopters reserved for the exclusive use of the Central Intelligence Agency may be obtained through the following procedures:
 - a. For Department of Army and Marine Corps aircraft, address a written request (with justification) to the Deputy Chief of Staff for Logistics, Department of the Army. This request, if approved, will be forwarded to Headquarters, United States Continental Army Command (COMUSAC) for execution. Aircraft and pilots will be stationed at Davison Army Air Field. These aircraft will be maintained by the military service concerned.

Maintenance facilities at Devizes are complete.

b. For Department of Air Force aircraft, address a written request (with justification) to Chief of Staff, U. S. Air Force. Aircraft will be stationed at Bolling Air Force Base. Helicopter maintenance facilities are minimal at Bolling.

Note: To assure continuous helicopter service, two aircraft must be reserved. An average in-service factor of 5½ has been established from experience data. Aircraft maintenance requires the remaining 4½.